

the Quality Appraisal review for deposit promptness, has been developed.

## II. Current Actions

This is a request for OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 USC 3506 (c)(2)(A)) of an extension to an existing collection of information previously approved and assigned OMB control No. 1205-0332. A revision is also proposed to substitute the RQC design for measuring cashing timeliness for the Quality Appraisal design. The proposed revision should have little or no impact on total burden hours because it replaces the sample used in the Quality Appraisal cashing review and no longer includes an additional Acceptance Sample of 60 to test for accuracy in posting.

The overall approach used in RQC sampling is similar in function to the QA sampling approach for Cashiering. There are, however, some differences in estimation sampling that enhance the RQC review approach:

- Deposit timeliness will be measured during the second quarter report period instead of the third quarter report period measured by QA. More payments are typically received for the second quarter, providing a more accurate reading of the SESAs' effectiveness;
- States have the flexibility to choose the period during which the ES will be selected (the QA time period was the same for all States). This should allow States to draw the sample from the most representative flow of remittances;
- A standard sample size has been established, to give all States' estimates similar precision;
- A less cumbersome, more direct method of calculating timeliness has been developed for the ES than the one used in the QA;
- The ES includes a review of the Cashiering activities performed by agents of the SESAs previously excluded from QA; and
- The new timeliness measure now reflects timeliness of electronically transferred payments.

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

**Title:** Unemployment Insurance Revenue Quality Control Program.

**OMB Number:** 1205-0332.

**Affected Public:** State governments (State Employment Security Agencies).

**Total Respondents:** Fifty two State governments.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Total Responses:** Fifty two.

**Average Time Per Response:** 1750 hours.

**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 91,000 hours for 52 States.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 1, 1996.

Mary Ann Wyrsch,

*Director, Unemployment Insurance Service.*

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## Mine Safety and Health Administration

### Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of mandatory safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

#### 1. West End Coal Company, Deep Mine [Docket No. M-96-24-C]

West End Coal Company, Deep Mine, 525 Pine Street, Lykens, Pennsylvania 17048 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1202-1(a) (temporary notations, revisions, and supplements) to its Last Chance Slope (I.D. No. 36-07859) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to revise and supplement mine maps annually instead of every 6 months, as required, and to update maps daily by hand notations. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 2. West End Coal Company, Deep Mine [Docket No. M-96-25-C]

West End Coal Company, Deep Mine, 525 Pine Street, Lykens, Pennsylvania 17048 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1200(d) & (i) (mine map) to its Last Chance Slope (I.D. No. 36-07859) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use cross-sections instead of contour lines through the intake slope, at locations of rock tunnel connections between veins, and at 1,000-foot intervals of advance from the intake slope and to limit the required mapping of the mine workings above and below to those present within 100 feet of the veins being mined except when veins are interconnected to other veins beyond the 100-foot limit through rock tunnel. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 3. West End Coal Company, Deep Mine [Docket No. M-96-26-C]

West End Coal Company, Deep Mine, 525 Pine Street, Lykens, Pennsylvania 17048 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1), (4), and (5) (weekly examination) to its Last Chance Slope (I.D. No. 36-07859) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Due to hazardous conditions and roof falls, certain areas of the intake haulage slope and primary escapeway cannot be traveled safely. The petitioner proposes to examine these areas from the gunboat/slope car with an alternative air quality evaluation at the section's intake level, and to travel and thoroughly examine these areas for hazardous conditions once a month. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 4. West End Coal Company, Deep Mine [Docket No. M-96-27-C]

West End Coal Company, Deep Mine, 525 Pine Street, Lykens, Pennsylvania 17048 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360 (preshift examination) to its Last Chance Slope (I.D. No. 36-07859) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to visually examine each seal for physical damage from the slope gunboat during the preshift examination after an air quality reading is taken in by the intake portal and to test for the quantity and quality of air at the intake air split locations off the slope in the gangway portion of the working section. The petitioner proposes to physically examine the entire length of the slope once a month. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 5. West End Coal Company, Deep Mine [Docket No. M-96-28-C]

West End Coal Company, Deep Mine, 525 Pine Street, Lykens, Pennsylvania 17048 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.335 (construction of seals) to its Last Chance Slope (I.D. No. 36-07859) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit alternative methods of construction using wooden materials of moderate size and weight due to the difficulty in accessing previously driven headings and breasts containing inaccessible abandoned workings; to accept a design criteria in the 10 psi range; and to permit the water trap to be

installed in the gangway seal and sampling tube in the monkey seal for seals installed in pairs. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

6. West End Coal Company, Deep Mine

[Docket No. M-96-29-C]

West End Coal Company, Deep Mine, 525 Pine Street, Lykens, Pennsylvania 17048 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100 (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Last Chance Slope (I.D. No. 36-07859) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use only portable fire extinguishers to replace existing requirements where rock dust, water cars, and other water storage are not practical. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

7. Amax Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-30-C]

Amax Coal Company, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Wabash Mine (I.D. No. 11-00877) located in Wabash County, Illinois. The petitioner proposes to extend the length of portable trailing cables to 825 feet. These cables would carry electrical power from the working face transformer to the mobile roof supports. The trailing cables connecting the working section transformer to the mobile roof supports are No. 4 3/C G-GC. The petitioner is conducting second mining in certain areas of its mine where Voest-Alpine mobile roof supports are used and asserts that a safer mining process and more effective roof control is provided during second mining than if timbers and other types of support are used. In addition, the petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

8. Eighty-Four Mining Company

[Docket No. M-96-31-C]

Eighty-Four Mining Company, 655 Church Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(e) (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Mine 84 (I.D. No. 36-00958) located in Washington County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes

to provide two portable fire extinguishers or one portable fire extinguisher with twice the required capacity at each temporary electrical installation instead of providing one extinguisher and rock dust at temporary electrical installations. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

9. Pittsburgh & Midway Coal Mining Company

[Docket No. M-96-32-C]

Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company, P.O. Box 6518, Englewood, Colorado 80155-6518 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.325(b) (air quantity) to its Sebree No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17044) located in Webster County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to provide positive ventilation by using the stopping line constructed to separate the intake and return air courses in the rooms previously developed on the same panel. The petitioner states that the stopping line would be constructed and maintained in accordance with the requirements in 30 CFR 75.333; that permanent stopping lines would be constructed when rooms are driven more than 600 feet deep and temporary stopping lines would be used when rooms are driven 600 feet deep or less, as measured from the centerline of the panel from which the rooms are driven; and that air flow volumes would be measured in accordance with 30 CFR 75.360(c)(1) and 75.362(c)(1). The petitioner asserts that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners; and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

10. Pittsburgh & Midway Coal Mining Company

[Docket No. M-96-33-C]

Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company, P.O. Box 6518, Englewood, Colorado 80155-6518 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360(c)(1) (preshift examination) to its Sebree No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17044) located in Webster County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to provide positive ventilation by using the stopping line constructed to separate the intake and return air courses in the rooms previously developed on the same panel. The petitioner states that the stopping line would be constructed and maintained in accordance with the requirements in 30 CFR 75.333; that

permanent stopping lines would be constructed when rooms are driven more than 600 feet deep and temporary stopping lines would be used when rooms are driven 600 feet deep or less, as measured from the centerline of the panel from which the rooms are driven; and that air flow volumes would be measured in accordance with 30 CFR 75.360(c)(1) and 75.362(c)(1). The petitioner asserts that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners; and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

11. Pittsburgh & Midway Coal Mining Company

[Docket No. M-96-34-C]

Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company, P.O. Box 6518, Englewood, Colorado 80155-6518 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.362(c)(1) (on-shift examination) to its Sebree No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17044) located in Webster County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to provide positive ventilation by using the stopping line constructed to separate the intake and return air courses in the rooms previously developed on the same panel. The petitioner states that the stopping line would be constructed and maintained in accordance with the requirements in 30 CFR 75.333; that permanent stopping lines would be constructed when rooms are driven more than 600 feet deep and temporary stopping lines would be used when rooms are driven 600 feet deep or less, as measured from the centerline of the panel from which the rooms are driven; and that air flow volumes would be measured in accordance with 30 CFR 75.360(c)(1) and 75.362(c)(1). The petitioner asserts that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners; and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

12. Pittsburgh & Midway Coal Mining Company

[Docket No. M-96-35-C]

Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company, P.O. Box 6518, Englewood 80155-6518 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1700 (oil and gas wells) to its Sebree No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17044) located in Webster County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to mine through oil and gas wells. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would

provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions may furnish written comments. These comments must be filed with the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before June 6, 1996. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: April 30, 1996.

Patricia W. Silvey,

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

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### NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Literacy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

#### Correction

In notice document 96-10329 appearing on page 17326 in the issue of Friday, April 19, 1996, in the first column, Notice 96-10146 appearing on page 18162, in the issue of Wednesday, April 24, 1996, in the third column, Notice 96-10329 appearing on page 18446 in the issue of Thursday, April 25, 1996, in the second column, and Notice 96-10328 appearing on page 18446 in the issue of Thursday, April 25, 1996, in the third column, after *Frequency of Collection* insert the following correction:

#### Request for Comments

NIFL solicits comments to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility. (2) Evaluation the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposal collection of information. (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies of other forms of information technology,

e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Andrew J. Hartman,

*Director, National Institute for Literacy.*

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### NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

#### Sunshine Act Meeting; Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

**TIME AND DATE:** 2:00 p.m., Monday, May 17, 1996.

**PLACE:** Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, 1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Board Room, Washington, D.C. 20005.

**STATUS:** Open/Closed.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Jeffrey T. Bryson, General Counsel/Secretary 202/376-2441.

Agenda.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes:

March 4, 1996, Regular Meeting

III. Committee Appointments:

a. Audit Committee

b. Budget Committee

c. Personnel Committee

IV. Election of Officers

V. Board Appointments

VI. Treasurer's Report

VII. Executive Director's Quarterly Management Report

VIII. Personnel Matters (Closed Meeting)

IX. Adjourn

Jeffrey T. Bryson,

*General Counsel/Secretary.*

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### NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

#### Institute of Museum Services; Research in Learning in Museums, Request for Proposals

**AGENCY:** Institute of Museum Services, NFAH.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Funds for Cooperative Agreement to Support Research in Learning in Museums.

**SUMMARY:** This announcement applies to a request for proposals to support, through a cooperative agreement(s), a collaborative team(s) which will design and conduct a program of theoretical and applied research on learning in museums. It is intended that support for this Request for Proposals is provided from the Institute of Museum Services, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the

Humanities and the National Science Foundation.

**DEADLINE DATE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSALS:** Proposals must be received by Friday, August 2, 1996.

**PROPOSALS DELIVERED BY MAIL:** A proposal sent by mail must be addressed to the Institute of Museum Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 609, Washington, DC 20506.

#### PROPOSALS DELIVERED BY HAND:

Proposals that are hand-delivered must be taken to the Institute of Museum Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 609, Washington, DC 20506. Hand-delivered applications will be accepted between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Washington DC time) daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. An application that is hand-delivered will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date.

**ADDRESSES:** Institute of Museum Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rebecca Danvers, Program Director, (202) 606-8539. Deaf and hearing impaired individuals may call the TDD Line, (202) 606-8636.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The issue of learning in a museum setting is complex. Here, learning is viewed both as a process (involving perception and memory as shaped by prior experience to develop neurological structures) and as a product (including a range of ideas, feelings and sensations). This view mandates a broad conception in considering museum learning.

As defined here, museums include art, history, natural history, and science museums; art, nature and science centers; historic houses and sites; children's museums planetariums, arboreta and botanical gardens, zoos and aquariums and general and specialized museums. They provide a wide range of content to a virtually unlimited variety of audiences. Thus the issues of museum learning cuts across a broad spectrum of contexts and contents.

Museums share many of the characteristics of other educational organizations both in their educational missions and in their conduct of educational practice. However, museum based learning has important dimensions which may afford unique experiences for learners:

Museums learning is inherently sensory, experiential and contextual. Much of what a visitor learns in a museum is subject specific, generally based on that museum's role as a repository of cultural artifacts, but much